

HELSINKI – PORVOO – TAMPERE – TURKU

1) bus tour Helsinki (Capital city) - Tampere - Turku (2 nights / 3 days)

Itinerary:

HELSINKI

1. day Arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa airport, meeting the chinese speaking guide. Pick up and transfer to the 3 star hotel in Helsinki centre area. The rest of the day is free. Dinner in a local chinese or local restaurant. D
2. day Breakfast in a hotel. Departure at 09.00am to the three hours guided city sight-seeing tour by bus, during the tour the guide will show following sights: the main railway station, Kiasma modern art museum, the Parliament building, National museum, Finlandia house, Opera house, Orthodox cathedral, the Dom, Market square, Sibelius monument. Later a side-trip to the neighbour city Espoo. Drive back to Helsinki and Lunch. After lunch a short walk to the market square from where a short ferry cruise to Suomenlinna island (Finnish historical fortress). Walking around the island and will be taken a cruise back to the market square around 17.00pm. Dinner in a local restaurant. B / L / D

Helsinki is a modern European cultural city whose urban cosmopolitan lifestyle exists in perfect harmony with nature. Surrounded by the sea and its own exotic archipelago, Helsinki offers visitors an endless number of possibilities. Just as Helsinki cannot be described in one word, neither can it be experienced in just one way. Helsinki really does have something for everyone.



Suomenlinna



Orthodox Church



Central Train Station



Helsinki from the Sea

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3. day Breakfast in a hotel. Departure by bus at 09.00pm to the city of Porvoo. City sightseeing in Porvoo, take a stroll in Porvoo's old town quarters, lunch in local restaurant, market square, ruined church. At around 13.00pm the bus will depart from Porvoo back to the hotel in Helsinki. The rest of the day is free for shopping in Helsinki. Dinner in Helsinki local restaurant at 19.00pm.

Porvoo is an attractive tourist destination and the importance of tourism is considerable both for the retail trade and the service sector. The Old Town provides one of its most colourful sights and tourist attractions. Old Porvoo is famous for its narrow lanes and brick-coloured riverside warehouses. In the Empire-style part of the town, the low wooden houses belong to the classical town plan where the streets form squares. It is here that the home of Finland's greatest poet, Johan Ludvig Runeberg, provides one of Porvoo's most popular tourist attractions.



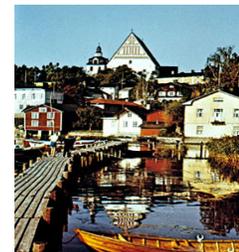
Porvoo in Winter



Old Town



Cathedral



River of Porvoo

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4. day After breakfast at 09.00am departure by bus from the hotel to Tampere. On the way a break at local and traditional "Eilila rustic house".
Tampere is a modern industrial city situated between two beautiful lakes on a narrow cape. After arriving in Tampere a City sightseeing tour by bus including Nasinneula tower and revolving restaurant (at 120 metres altitude) and Lenin museum. Tampere is also famous for an active V.I. Lenin museum.
Accommodation in a centrally situated hotel***
Dinner at local Chinese restaurant.

Tampere is the third largest city in Finland and the largest inland centre in the Nordic countries. Currently there are over 200,000 inhabitants in Tampere, and almost 300,000 inhabitants in Tampere Sub-Region, which comprises Tampere and its neighbouring municipalities. Tampere's population density is 390 per square kilometre. Tampere is one of the three most rapidly developing regions in Finland. In 2004, the City of Tampere came first in an image survey comparing the largest cities in Finland. It was also the most attractive city among Finns who plan on moving.



Nasinneula Tower



Lake in Tampere



Tampere Centre



Tampere at Night

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5. day Breakfast in a hotel.
After breakfast a drive by bus to Turku. A tea or coffee break in a half way at Loimaa city where we visit at LUOMU souvenir and coffee shop. Turku used to be a capital city of Finland and has old culture, architecture and an old castle. Aura river runs thru the city. Turku city is also the harbour city to the ferries to Stockholm, Sweden.
Accommodation in a centrally located hotel. In the afternoon visit to Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova, Archeological & Modern Museum.
Dinner in a Chinese restaurant.

Turku, the southwest corner of Finland is a veritable treasure chest for the visitor: here you will find eye-pleasing archipelago landscapes, modern city life, the peacefulness of the countryside and high-quality services. All this can easily be included in one holiday trip -- or more, if you like, as there's plenty to see in this region consisting of a total of 53 municipalities.



Turku Castle



Aura River



The Cathedral



Village of Loimaa

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6. day. Breakfast in a hotel. City sightseeing tour including Turku cathedral church, Turku Castle, Aura river and Turku market square. Lunch in Turku. On the drive back to Helsinki a tea break in Sammatti. Sammatti is an old Finnish village with about 1300 inhabitants only. Later in the afternoon at about 16.30pm arrival to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport.

MAPS OF FINLAND

